



December 13, 2011

Dear Educator,

On behalf of the State of Minnesota and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) I would like to invite you to participate in our *Kids Safe on Line Poster Contest*. The contest is open to all public, private, or home-schooled students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The posters should illustrate the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices. Create original artwork that demonstrates one of the following concepts:

- Interacting with others and not bullying or threatening others on the Internet
- Not giving out personal information on the Internet
- Only visiting safe websites
- Being careful with email (not sending worms and viruses)
- Being careful not to download malicious code from games or websites
- How online gaming and gambling can be dangerous
- Protecting against identity theft
- Safe use of social networking such as Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc.
- Any original concept that illustrates safe use of the Internet or mobile devices

In 2011 Minnesota had two posters selected for the annual calendar. We hope to have a student from our state once again grace the pages of the 2013 calendar. Entries must be received by February 16, 2012. Enclosed you will find entry guidelines and a submission form. Three entries will be selected as the Minnesota state winners. The winning entries will be submitted to the MS-ISAC for a National Contest. The winners of the National Contest will be included in the MS-ISAC 2013 Calendar. Entries received may also be used in other national, regional, and state cyber and computer security awareness campaigns.

I hope that you will consider working with the students in your school on Internet, computer, and mobile device safety. I have included a booklet featuring general educational information about online safety. If you would like to receive additional information please feel free to contact my assistant, Nancy Skuta at Nancy.Skuta@state.mn.us or 651-201-1265.

Thank you for your efforts and time in educating the youth on the issue of computer safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Buse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Buse
State Chief Information Security Office

